SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The names of the companies which have been given licences to manufacture colour TV sets and number of TV sets manufactured by these companies during the year 1985, 1986 and 1987 till date are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 123.]

2807. [*Transferred to the 7th December, 1987.*]

Death of a Sq. Ldr. and a Fl. Lt. in Aircarsh

2808. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Sq Ldr. and a Fl. Lt. were killed in an IAF trainee aircraft crash near Narsapur in Medak District in the last four months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an IAF fighter plane crashed near Samund, 40 Kms from Jodhpur during the same period; and

(c) whether any court of enquiry has been ordered into the above crashes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

Non Proliferation Treaty with Pakistan

2809. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of pressure has been exercised by out side powers to induce Indian Government to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty with Pakistan in recent days;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the details of the Indian position in this regard with particular reference to the disarmament agreement between super powers that took place recently and the approach of other smaller nuclear powers like Pakistan, China, France, Israel, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil etc. towards this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The United States of America has recently reiterated its earlier suggestion that India should sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

(c) India is opposed to the NPT which is discriminatory in nature. As regards the recent agreement between the two super powers on the question of Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF), India has welcomed it as a first step towards the goal of complete elimination of nuclear weapons.

The INF Agreement has been welcomed by most countries.

Advanced Light Helicopter

2810. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress in the programme of manufacturing Advanced Light Helicopters;

(b) when is the production of this helicopter likely to commence; and

(c) whether Westland is associated in any way with the production of the ALH?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) After the completion of milestones of Priliminary Design Configuration Freeze Critical Components Design and Definition of Long Lead Items, the Detail Design of basic Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) as well as of its various systems is in progress.

(b) The production of ALH is likely to commence in the early 1990s.